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## THE WEST VIRGINIA CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD

By Linda Taft, Chairperson  
WVLA, School Section

The purpose of the West Virginia Children's Book Award Program is to encourage students in grade three through six to read and enjoy books of literary quality. The program has been successful in achieving its goal and now, in its sixth year, involves more than 30,000 children in West Virginia.

Throughout the school year, students read books from a master list selected by a committee of educators according to an established collection policy. The list each year includes 15-20 recent fiction titles chosen for their literary quality and appropriateness of content. Teachers and librarians promote the reading of these books and

plan reading enrichment activities to aid understanding and increase enjoyment.

In March of each year students who have read three of more books from the list vote for their favorite. A winner and two runner-ups are announced in early April. Then in May each county that participated holds a "Celebration of Children and Books." These celebrations have included student authors, puppet shows, professional storytellers, and dramatizations of the books. Also, during the celebration week, children have the opportunity to meet last year's winning author via public television. All public television stations in West Virginia air this presentation. Children's Book Award Week this year will be May 14-18.

The West Virginia Children's Book Award Program honors the readers as well as the author. The winning author receives a plaque. All students who participate receive bookmarks or bookplates with autographs of the authors from the master list. Students who read all the books on the list



receive special recognition.

The West Virginia Children's Book Award Program has received funding from: B. Dalton Book-seller, the School Section of the West Virginia Library Association, the West Virginia Educational Media Association, and other organizations. Also, the approval and support of the West Virginia State Department of Education has been a key element in the success of the program. The program has also been assisted by WNPB-TV and West Virginia Public Television.

For further information contact: Patty Benedum, Supervisor Library Services/IMC, Monongalia County Schools, 370 Broadway Ave., Star City, WV 26505.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

March 7 - April 3

"To Make All Laws, The Congress of the U.S."  
— Exhibit at the WVLC, Reference Department.

April 27

"Read Your Way There". Winners luncheon with Governor Caperton in the Reference Department of the Library Commission.



# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Tom Brown

## What will the year be like?

Every year when the Executive Board gets together for its planning session we try to focus on what West Virginia libraries need—where we're going, and how we're going to get there. Here's a summary of what those goals are going to be.

**Libraries and librarians, and all who seek to serve, will be better prepared to serve because of what WVLA does this year.** New programs take money; new materials take money; new buildings take money, but essential as it is, money is not the only component. WVLA will look for ways to help trustees, librarians, secretaries, clerks — all who work with libraries to know their jobs better and know themselves better. This will involve all of us in legislative actions, in workshops, in supporting one another.

**We will take WVLA closer to our membership.** Section chairpersons are already at work on a series of regional workshops/conferences which will make it possible for our membership to benefit from creative programs without having to spend more than a couple of hours of travel, without having to spend a night away from home. These regional workshops will give opportunities for us to talk with one another and to learn from one another.

**We will strive to program for known needs.** In the conference evaluation, membership from across the state indicated a range of needs: something practical, some said; something for small libraries, others said; information about new materials, still others said; opportunities to share ideas with others in the same boat. These are some of the ideas which will be a part of the year's programs. You'll need to look for these regional workshops and plan to participate. Some will be on Saturdays, to allow for attendance for those who can attend no other day. Other meetings may be late afternoons/evenings. Some will be mid-week.

**We will look at WVLA structure and recommend changes.** In most parts of the state there are not enough librarians from one type of library to meet, e.g., how many college librarians are in close proximity to one another in the eastern panhandle. Do reference librarians from *all* types of libraries have more in common than *all librarians* from one type of library? These are structural concerns and a committee of past presidents is taking the year to look at this and make recommendations to the WVLA membership.

And lastly, **we will play a major role in the State/Governor's White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services.**

This conference will be held at the same time as our annual conference in Charleston. All of us will have an opportunity to listen in on the discussion of issues, even if only a few of us will be official delegates. The official delegates from WVLA will be chosen from among those who participate in our regional conferences this year, thus insuring delegates who have a very close understanding of local conditions. Whether we are official delegates or not, the Governor's White House Conference will give each of us a chance to have a say on important library issues of our time. It will not be the only program taking place at our annual meeting, but it will be an important part of it.

As we start the year I'd like to make one final note in my first WV Libraries remarks to you. By long standing policy, the meetings of the Executive Board are open meetings. Any member of the association may come, listen in, and ask to be recognized. Any member of the association may request the President to put an item on the Board's agenda. If you need to write to me:

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

## MORGANTOWN LIBRARY PICKS NEW DIRECTOR

Reprinted from the *DOMINION POST*, 11-30-89

By Lee Chottiner

Bradley A. Simon of Henderson, Texas, is the new director of the Morgantown Public Library. Simon beat out four other candidates for the job.

"He's worked a lot of different libraries. I really feel comfortable (with him)," said library board member Rodney Pyles. He will earn \$39,500 per year - \$2,000 less than his predecessor John Hammond - and will be paid up to \$5,000 for moving expenses, acting director Joyce Turpin said.

Unlike Hammond, Simon will probably stay longer than five months. In fact, the 60 year old library administrator may retire here. "What I told the board was, I don't want to change jobs again, ever," Simon said in a phone interview. "The Morgantown position is one I feel comfortable with. I would hope to retire there."

Simon has more than 30 years of library experience, having worked in libraries in Texas, Oklahoma, California, North Carolina, and Arizona. He taught library science at the University of Kentucky and Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, N.C. But it's his experience with automation and construction of library facilities that the Morgantown board finds useful. "He's been involved in automation and renovation projects at several libraries where he worked," Pyles said. "He seems to be familiar with different automation and computer systems that are available."

"(Plus) he's kind of familiar with the Virginia Tech Library system we're probably going to adopt here. Beyond the planned automation and second floor construction at the library, Simon has no other changes in mind.

"I would not go into a new job and say we'll change this we'll change that," he said. "I'm going to learn about the library, how it functions. I have to understand the system, know the community, their needs and desires. My goal is to give the best library service we can give."

He's only had a quick tour of the library, when he was going through the interview process, but he is impressed with the resources here. "My impression is it has a good book collection and a splendid video cassette collection." He also praised the staff as "strong and willing."

But he rapped the facilities as "way overcrowded and too small for the community." Plans for the second floor construction were put on hold by the library board until a new director was chosen, board president Susan McLaughlin has said.

A budget crunch is the likely reason Simon will earn less than Hammond. The final figure was reached through negotiations. "We're facing some budget cuts, I think that might be a possibility," Pyles said. "We decided on a range, and you know when these negotiations take place, you make an offer and are prepared with a counter offer." The pay for the director's position was advertised at \$37,000-\$41,000.

A Connecticut native, Simon graduated from the Southern Connecticut State University, and he has written for various publications including *LIBRARY JOURNAL*.



# Library Appreciation Day 1990



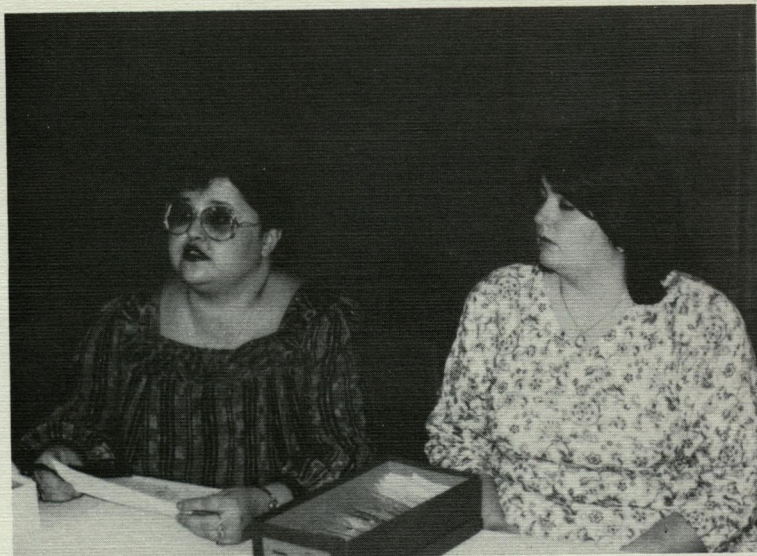
Susan Vidovich (left) was coordinator of the dinner for WVLA. She is shown with Ruby Jordan (center) and Edward Dow (left).



Governor Caperton greets baseball writer Roger Kahn.



At the speaker's dais were (l to r) Governor Gaston Caperton, Roger Kahn, Lewis McManus and Tom Brown.



Donna Gettys (left) and Terri McDougal (right), Kanawha County librarians, greet those who attended.



Speaker of the House Chuck Chambers addressed the nearly 1000 library supporters and emphasized that libraries preserve the historical record of the state.



# Library Appreciation Day



Library Commissioner Fred Glazer chats with visiting author and dinner speaker Roger Kahn.



WVLA Vice President Peggy Bias makes a point.





# Library Appreciation Day



**Matt Onion of Cabell County Library talks with Pam Ward of Sissonville.**



**From Raleigh County were library employees (l to r) Louise Hoyle, Lyn Nichols and Jo Moore.**



**Tom Gibbs, Director of the Wayne County Library (left) greets a library supporter. Peggy Bias is shown at center.**



# ALA COUNCILOR'S REPORT: 1990 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE REPORT

By Judy Rule

Strangely enough, Chicago's weather in mid-winter was not bad at all. The wind was a little colder than here in West Virginia but the temperatures were in the 30's. Very few West Virginians were there — Jo Ellen Flagg, Hal Shill and Matt Onion — were all that I saw. Attendance for the conference was the largest ever with 9204 for the total attendance and 5068 for the members attendance. The number of exhibitors was the largest ever.

One of the major issues discussed by the ALA Council was a dues increase. Although the association reported that it was in good financial condition, with revenues of \$22,736,000 and expenditures of \$23,785,000 in fiscal 1989, the council voted to submit to the membership a dues increase. Starting in 1991 with \$80 for regular members, this dues package would continue the increases of the past five years. The argument in favor of the dues increase is that the organization needs the increase to keep financially sound. I voted against the increase — I realize that dues will need to increase eventually but it seems that the membership need a "breather" before a new series of increases. Anyway, those of you who are members of ALA will have the opportunity to vote on the increase this spring so watch for your ballot.

The American Library Association also has started an endowment for scholarships for librarians. The ALA Endowment Campaign Committee hosted a party with tickets \$10 and \$15. The goal is to establish a \$1,000,000 endowment for a

minimum of 30 annual scholarships. There were two \$25,000 donations during Council meetings from exhibitors (Quality Books). As the West Virginia Library Association is starting a fund to promote scholarships, we might consider an endowment — not on ALA's scale but one that would help us up-grade the education of librarians in West Virginia.

Elected to the Executive Board were Judith Sessions of Miami Universities Libraries, Oxford, Ohio, and Nancy M. Bolt, Assistant Commissioner and Deputy State Librarian, Colorado State Library. Nominees for president of ALA are Patricia Schuman and Patrick O'Brien. Pat O'Brien is the Director of Dallas Public Library and Pat Schuman is with Neal-Schuman Publisher. If you would like my opinion of these candidates, please call me, I'll be glad to give you my impressions.

I attended the Chapter Enclave which dealt with recommended minimum salaries. Several states that have recommended minimum salaries for librarians are revising them yearly. Also several states have recommendations for professionals, para-professionals, clerks, pages, etc. In some states they have established parity for librarians — pay equal to firemen and parks and recreation employees. Librarians have done very well in these instances. I would remind trustees and librarians that the West Virginia Library Association has established \$20,000 as the recommended minimum for a professional librarian with a MLS and

no experience and \$24,000 as minimum for a professional librarian as director of a library. We need to promote these salaries and all other library employees will benefit. If we are content with poor salaries, then that is what we will be paid!

Another item that may be of interest to West Virginians is that Paperwork Reduction Act. This legislation has been written in the main by Congressman Bob Wise. The American Library Association passed a resolution outlining the provisions that they consider good and those that they consider need amending. I did vote for this resolution because I understand that the communication between ALA and Congressman Wise has not been the best and as most of you know, I like to "lay the cards on the table" so everyone knows where everyone else stands. Congressman Wise's intent is to limit and define the Office of Management and Budget's responsibility. ALA's concern is that OMB's function of reviewing and cutting agency budgets will override the government's affirmative obligation to disseminate information to the public. There have been several "Alerts" and articles concerning this matter in library publications. Hal Shill and I would be happy to discuss this further with anyone interested.

Since this report is getting very long, I will try to write another for the next *WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARIES* to bring you up-to-date on the resolutions, etc. passed by Council.



# READING RAINBOW

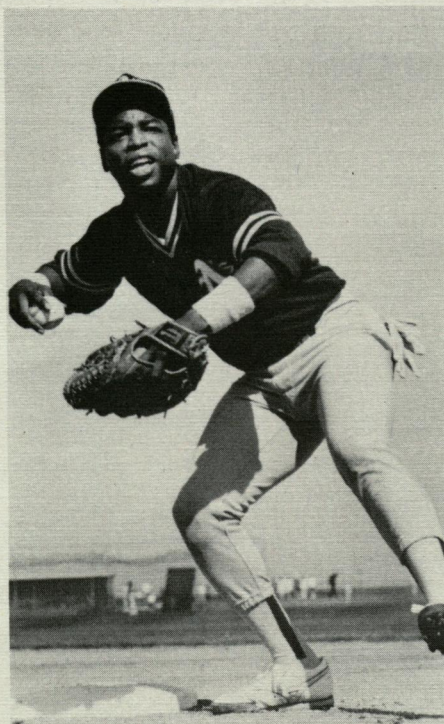
For some people eight is enough — but for *Reading Rainbow* eight years is only the beginning. The television program that emphasizes the importance of reading for children returns for its eighth season on March 26, proving that it continues to be "TV good enough to read." LeVar Burton also returns to host the program that takes viewers on a variety of exciting adventures while encouraging them to read.

This coming season *Reading Rainbow* will add 10 new programs to its existing lineup of 60 shows. The first five new programs air nationally the week of March 26 and take viewers on a variety of exciting adventures by land, sea and sky.

The second set of five new programs will be launched as always, that will emphasize the new world awaiting children through books.

This year's first episode takes Burton on an underwater journey through the Florida Keys where he explores the strange and beautiful world that lies beneath the surface of the sea. In *Dive to the Coral Reefs*, written by Elizabeth Taynton, Paul Erickson and Les Kaufman, viewers learn all about the tropical fish and coral that are found in the fascinating reefs. They also meet a "reef doctor" who restores life to damaged reefs by transplanting living coral.

The journey continues as Burton travels to the astounding landscape of Arizona's Sonoran Desert to discover the mysteries of the majestic saguaro cactus. The life and seasons of the desert are explored in *Desert Giant: the World of the Saguaro Cactus* by Barbara Bash and read by Philip Bosco. While exploring the desert, viewers meet a variety of the desert's inhabitants including bobcats, gila monsters and a gila woodpecker. They also get a close-up look at one of the desert's more fascinating in-



**LeVar Burton covers all the bases in the *Reading Rainbow* episode, "Dinosaur Bob And His Adventures With The Family Lizardo." Check out all the action when *Reading Rainbow* returns on March 26 for its eighth season on public television. (Photo by Michael Zagaris)**

habitants when a real life "snake man" introduces one of his friends.

Burton sweats it out on the basketball court, in the weight room and on a bicycle built for three when *Reading Rainbow* features Sports Pages, by Arnold Adoll, illustrated by Steve Kuzma. Burton shares his interest in athletics with viewers as he shows them a variety of sports including soccer, basketball, ice skating, swimming and gymnastics. The dedication and excitement of participating in these sports is also shared with viewers by a number of young athletes who explain the hard work and rewards associated with being a dedicated athlete.

We've all been bored, but the story of two boys who are so bored they build an airplane out of back-

yard materials — and actually fly it — shows viewers that there are easy solutions to boredom because there is an exciting world just waiting to be discovered. The book *Bored-Nothing to Do!* by Peter Spier inspires Burton to take a flying lesson during which he learns all about the miraculous feat of flying. Burton also takes viewers behind the scenes of an airport to get a glimpse of what is involved before an airplane take-off.

Few viewers know what a *Tooth-Gnasher Superflash* is until they read the book by Daniel Pinkwater. In this episode the Popsnorkes want to buy a new car and they can't believe their eyes when they test drive the most amazing car they've ever seen — the "Tooth-Gnasher Superflash." In this program Burton spends the day in a service station where he learns about automobiles. Viewers also get a glance at futuristic automobiles when *Reading Rainbow* features the Sunracer, a solar-powered car.

*Reading Rainbow*, targeted for 5-to-8 year olds, uses a quick-paced, action-packed format to keep its viewers entertained while stimulating them to explore books on their own. During each program Burton introduces the program's theme which is drawn from a feature book and the book is read in its entirety while a video adaption of the book's illustrations appear on screen.

Viewers are taken to exciting new places or introduced to unique new experiences related to the theme — all the while being encouraged to discover similar worlds through reading books. "Book reviewers" — children the age of the viewers — also reinforce excitement for reading by reviewing books similar in theme to the feature book. The reviewers encourage viewers to "find out more" by reading the books themselves.



## READ YOUR WAY IS BACK

Due to the success of the "Read Your Way to the Governor's Office" in 1989, Governor Caperton and the West Virginia Library Commission will be sponsoring the second annual contest. The completion of the contest will be the awards luncheon and celebration of National Library Week on April 27, 1990. The Governor will be presenting the junior high aged winners from each county with a Certificate of Excellence during the luncheon.

The Library Commission will be awarding grants

to cover mileage for all 55 county participants. David Martin is designing a poster and brochure to publicize the contest. Posters and brochures will be ready by March 15th.

The winning essay from each county will be printed and bound into a book and distributed through libraries. Last year over 4,000 essays were submitted. For further information, contact Donna Calvert at the Library Commission.

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## READ YOUR WAY TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE II

*How to Read Your Way There!!!!*

**Participants:** Junior High Aged Library Users

**Goal:** To encourage Junior High Aged Library Users to consider the rewards of reading. Inspired by Governor Caperton's commitment to reading, participants are encouraged to write a one page essay relating to present/future achievements through reading. The essay can cover any association with reading and one's goals. Participants should be encouraged to formulate their own impressions, then write about their thoughts, i.e. how one would read to prepare for a career as governor, scientist, etc. To encourage wide participation the West Virginia Library Commission will set no age or grade qualifications. Local libraries should set parameters for an inclusive program.

**Reward:** Lunch with the Governor. Winners will be treated to lunch with the Governor and other winners during National Library Week at noon on Friday, April 27, 1990.

**Winners:** Winners will first be determined locally by each library. From those, a winner will be selected for the county. In county library systems the county will determine their winners. In counties with multiple libraries that are not a part of a county system, the winner will be determined by the West Virginia Library Commission. Only one winner from each county will be represented at the awards luncheon.

The West Virginia Library Commission will underwrite the travel costs (mileage) for the luncheon. In the event that some counties will not be able to attend, alternates will be selected by the WVLC from any other local winners. Local winners will receive a certificate from the Governor.

**Time Frame:**

- March 15 — Brochure and poster mailed to each county.
- April 18 — Multi-library counties submit winning entries to WVLC for county winner selection.
- April 23 — Names of County system winners submitted to WVLC with copies of winning essay. Announce winners in each county.
- April 27 — Awards luncheon with the Governor.

**Planning:** Start now to plan visits to Junior Highs to encourage students to participate. Form your local Selection Committee. Start publicity campaign.

**Summary:** Your responsibility —  
Promote!  
Assist in selection of winners.  
Arrange for winners to attend luncheon.

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The Intelligent front end allows users to design their own displays using multiple windows, color monitors and custom screen layouts. It supports function keys, pop-up menus and a mouse.

The expert system, which works in conjunction with the intelligent front end, answers natural language queries and requests (e.g., What book did James Michener write about Colorado?). A learning module allows users to teach the expert system new words and phrases and to define and execute command macros.

Not only does the package allow for better identification of related portions of the screen, it can also cut search time as much as 65 percent by reducing the number of data entry steps required to perform a successful search and by handling the search more efficiently internally.

"The introduction of VTLS Intelligent Workstation adds a new dimension to the flexibility and effectiveness of the VTLS-89 software," said VTLS Inc. president Vinod Chachra. "We are sure it will open opportunities that libraries have yet to top imagine."

A beta version of the software was demonstrated in the VTLS-89 booth at the American Libraries Association Conference in Dallas in June 1989 and in Chicago in January 1990.

## Chapmanville Public Library Receives Grant

The Chapmanville Public Library is the recipient of a \$2,000 cash grant for which librarian Judy Browning had applied last September. These cash grants are to be used for children's materials in libraries with low book budgets yet high usage by the patrons. The library is proud to receive this award, as it is always looking for ways to supplement the small budget to better serve the patrons of Logan and surrounding counties. The money received by the Chapmanville Library has been earmarked for duplicate copies of Newberry and Caldecott award books and replacement copies of older books which are still in demand. Any monies remaining will go to enhance the library's children's section holdings.



## MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL LIBRARY FEDERATION

Bon Secour Spiritual Center in Marriottsville, Maryland will be the site of a two-day workshop on networking and leadership for library association officers on May 31 and June 1, 1990.

Association officers from Maryland, West Virginia, D.C., Delaware, Virginia, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania will have an opportunity to share ideas for improving their individual offices, associations, and libraries in general. The meeting will also serve as a kick-off to planning the MARLF conference in June 1992. The MARLF conference will be a follow-up to the White House Conference on Library and Information Science scheduled for 1991. All WVLA members are also MARLF members. Conference committees will be recruited from each member association. A final conference site has yet to be selected. Based on previous conferences, attendance is expected to be around 1200 to 1300 plus exhibitors.

Additional MARLF offerings include periodic continuing education workshops in each member state by nationally recognized presenters. Plans are underway to combine a MARLF program with one of this year's WVLA spring workshops. Watch for further announcement or call Ernie Kallay at the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library, 624-6512.



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## PARKERSBURG LIBRARY SPONSORS GAY NINETIES

Excerpted from the *Parkersburg News* (1/7/90)

A program "Reflections and Projections: The Gay Nineties Revisited," is being co-sponsored by the Parkersburg and Wood County Library and the Wood County Historical and Preservation Society.

Funded in part with a grant from the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia, the program was launched on January 15.

The program consists of 12 monthly sessions of history in photographs, with one held each month from January through December, according to Bernard L. Allen, professor of history and philosophy at West Virginia University - Parkersburg, who is directing the program. Allen holds a doctor's degree in history from WVU.

Allen said the program is necessary because literally hundreds of patrons of the library have used, are using, and will continue to use its Summers Auditorium and view the 26 rare photographs depicting life in Wood County from 1875 to 1915 on the walls there without understanding the history and significance of each photograph.

The historian noted that the goals of the program are four-fold:

To acquaint by means of photographs, lectures and question and answer sessions the people of the Greater Parkersburg Area with the nature of their region in the 1890s as well as how it came to be, what it became later, and what its future is likely to be.

Acquaint persons with the value of the 26 Summers Auditorium photographs as a vehicle for studying the past.

Familiarize persons with the myths and misconceptions surrounding the 1890s as a subject of historical study.

To produce an audio tape of each program so that persons wishing to study the photographs at some future time will have a departure point besides the photographs themselves.

## FOOD FOR FINES IN MARION

The Marion County Public Library instituted a "Food for Fines" program in December. An estimated 500 cans of food and non-perishable food items were collected from the system's three branches. Modeled on programs from Morgantown and Charleston, patrons were encouraged to bring food instead of paying fines on overdue print materials. Everything collected was donated to food pantries. It is hoped that the program will be an annual event.

Also of note were the recent completions of renovations to the library stairwell and restroom. The building, built in 1911, has benefited greatly from the repairs and the restroom is now accessible to the handicapped. Much of the work was funded by the Friends of the Marion County Friends of the Public Library.



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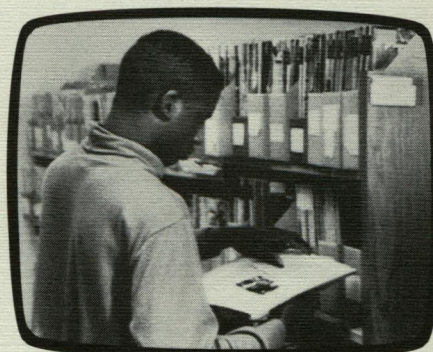
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# CONTINUING EDUCATION/STAFF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

By Pamela Ford

Continuing education is a term that is gaining popularity every day and every librarian and library staff member understands that personal and professional growth and continued learning are necessary for improved and responsible service to library users. With the vast changes in technology related to library services and functions it is increasingly important that library personnel have opportunities for continuing education.

The West Virginia Library Association has addressed this need in the past by sponsoring an annual conference. The WVLA sections provide opportunities for another workshop during the year. Individual libraries often sponsor in-service training days for their staff and such organizations as OCLC, PRLC, and the library commission sponsor workshops throughout the year.

This year, however, WVLA has gone one step further in addressing the membership's need for continued learning by approving the organization of a new committee for Continuing Education/Staff Development. The purpose and duties as presented to the chairperson are as follows:

**Purpose:** To promote an ongoing continuing education program for all levels of staff within West Virginia Libraries.

**Duties:**

1. To survey continuing education opportunities in West Virginia and see that they are well publicized.
2. To collect and disseminate information on continuing education for library personnel throughout MARLF/SELA region.
3. To design workshops/precon-

ferences, self-study modules appropriate to our setting.

4. To formulate a scholarship program for West Virginia library personnel enabling them to continue professional education; to determine the level of scholarship help to be offered; and to recommend means for raising funds for scholarships. To identify suitable candidates for the scholarships).

This is quite a mission and not all of the above can be accomplished this first year. However, this committee will be conducting a survey of the membership concerning their continuing education needs. It will begin to compile information concerning continuing education opportunities in the state. Then the job will become a matter of supplying programs to staff as needs and availability allow.

The gathering of this information will be a large task that can be moved forward much faster with the assistance and cooperation of all WVLA members. If anyone has specific suggestions or comments, please let the committee know. If there are librarians and staff in our state who are willing to share in their special talents or expertise by conducting workshops, the committee needs to know. Please send all such information to:

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This committee expects to work with this year's conference committee to provide preconference and conference programming that will address the needs

of all types of library personnel.

Another area that is new and very exciting is the start of a scholarship program for WVLA members pursuing a professional degree. The program has modest beginnings, but a potential for greatness. Our president has asked us to contribute as generously as we can to this scholarship effort in his letter that accompanies the membership renewal form this year. I hope all members will comply with this request. If a dollar is all you can afford, that's a dollar more towards helping someone attain a degree that will, in the end, benefit all West Virginia libraries.

Those of us who have already experienced the difficulties of pursuing a graduate degree need to remember those times and give as generously as we can. All monies earmarked for scholarship will be used totally for that purpose. Information for applying for the scholarships will be provided later in the year and will be presented at the annual fall conference.

President Tom Brown wants WVLA to make West Virginia libraries better tomorrow than they are today. The Continuing Education/Staff Development Committee is one step toward this goal. With hard work and a lot of cooperation from the WVLA membership, this committee can make a difference for West Virginia libraries in the 1990s.

The committee members are: Pam Ford, Marshall University, Chair; Chris Hatten, Huntington Museum of Art; Beth Nicholson, Upshur County Public Library; Trish Del Nero, Marshall University; and Rick Druggish, Concord College.



# LIBRARY NOTES

By Karen Goff

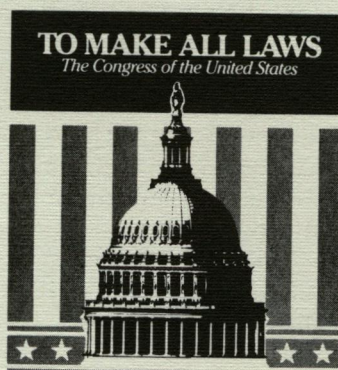
Reference Librarian, West Virginia Library Commission

An index to *WONDERFUL WEST VIRGINIA*, *GOLDENSEAL*, and *WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY* is now available from the Library Commission Reference staff. The index covers the years 1987- 1988 and provides access by both subject and author. The format is similar to that used for the *CHARLESTON NEWSPAPER INDEX*. However, unlike the newspaper index, this is much more comprehensive in scope. All articles appearing in the three periodicals are indexed by author and multiple subjects. Places and personal names are included as are book reviews and various announcements. Only letters and photographs with no accompanying text are excluded. The index is available in both paper and floppy disk formats. Contact Karen Goff at the Library Commission for copies. (348-2045 or 1-800-642-9021)

Jeanne Shelton, a Library Assistant with ten years experience with government documents and reference at the Library Commission, has accepted the position of cataloger at the South Charleston Public Library. Her position at the Library Commission has been filled by Robin Chesney, formerly a librarian with the West Virginia Department of Health.

The long awaited Capitol Telephone Directory has reportedly gone to the printer, but don't look for it until after the legislative session.

Reference Services at the Library Commission has gained access to EDGAR, the West Virginia Legislative database. Using the database, legislation can be tracked by bill number, subject, and/or sponsor. There are still a few software bugs to be overcome, but the service is operational.



A visual biography of one of our nation's most influential institutions — the U. S. Congress — will be on display for four weeks beginning on March 7, 1990 when the national touring exhibition "TO MAKE ALL LAWS: THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES" comes to the West Virginia Library Commission.

"TO MAKE ALL LAWS" is from a series of related exhibits and programs at the Library of Congress in commemoration of the bicentennial of Congress. The traveling exhibition brings to the public invaluable primary source materials including reproductions of engravings, prints, architectural drawings, photographs, letters, and manuscripts dating back to the Constitutional Convention of 1787. The West Virginia Library Commission is one of only 30 libraries chosen from across the United States to host the touring exhibit, which was developed by the Library of Congress in its first-time partnership with the American Library Association. Major funding for the exhibit has been provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN FINES CLEARED DURING DECEMBER FOOD FOR FINES CAMPAIGN

The Kanawha County Public Library System's annual Food for Thought, Food for Fines Program, held during December, resulted in the collection of over 5,600 food items for area food pantries and homeless shelters in the county. Libraries in Cabell, Wayne, Mingo, and Putnam counties also joined the program, collecting over 20 barrels of food for food banks in their communities.

"During the December cam-

paign, libraries in the five county region cleared fines totalling over \$11,000," said Adrienne Worthy, KCPL spokeswoman. "Despite the loss of that income, the campaign is a real winner. Overdue books were returned, patrons felt good about donating and, most importantly, we were able to help those in the community in need."

During the second annual Food for Thought campaign, sponsored by Capitol Cablevision, library patrons were

able to eliminate overdue book fines by donating canned food to their local library. Library staff worked through food pantries, food banks and homeless shelters in each community to distribute the food.

The program was promoted through bookmarks and posters produced by the Library Commission and through displays and publicity in the local communities.

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